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Idaho Milk Production up 6.8 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2006 totaled 970 million pounds, a 6.8 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 10 million pounds from July 2006, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for July 2006 totaled 960 million pounds, unchanged from the preliminary estimate and 6.4 percent above July 2005. Average milk production per cow in August 2006 was 1,960 pounds, up 20 pounds from August 2005, but unchanged from July 2006. The average number of milk cows during August was 495,000 head, up 5,000 head from July 2006 and up 27,000 head from August 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from August 2005. July revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from July 2005. The July revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,680 pounds for August, 9 pounds above August 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 88,000 head more than August 2005, but 9,000 head less than July 2006.

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